

My name is **Laurie Davis** and I am a concerned citizen from Chepachet.

I am writing you to ask for your support of **Raised Senate Bill 354**, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut . This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services, and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners.

Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force. These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in CT.

***The reason this bill is so important to me is that I have witnessed first hand how music therapy has changed my "Special Needs" Granddaughter's life. Since Music Therapy became part of her school curriculum, she has truly advanced and has better focus. Music is used also at home where we have all learned that this child will respond to what you are trying to get her to focus on or are asking her to .***

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote "yes" on **Raised Senate Bill 354!**

Sincerely,

Laurie Davis